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## OLD UNIVERSITY HALL

An Attempt to Identify Its Rooms and Occupants

*By Clarence S. Brigham, '99*



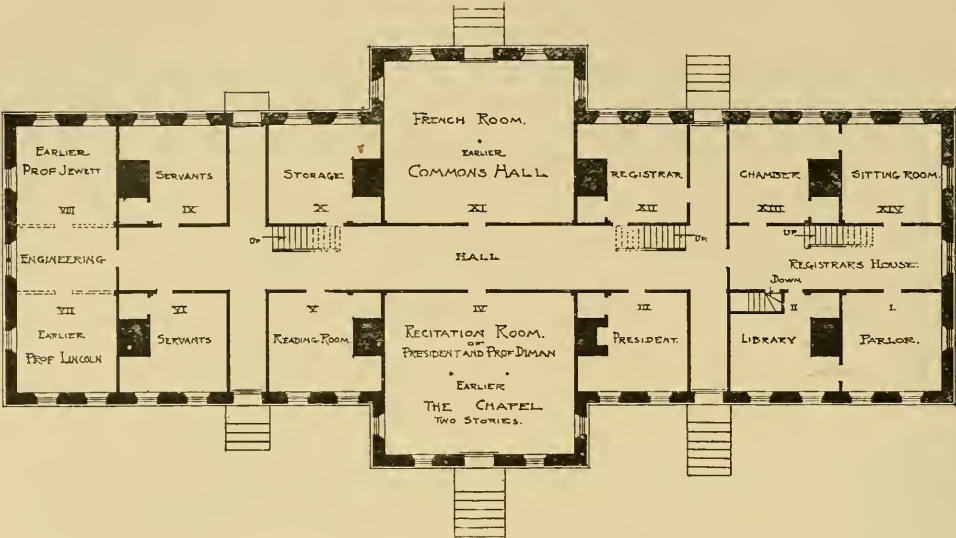
ONE of the highest authorities on Rhode Island history recently asserted that in his opinion University Hall was the most important historic structure in the state coming down to us from colonial times. With this assertion not a few would agree. Built in the year 1770 and thus antedating American independence by a half-dozen years, known at the time of its erection

as the largest building in colonial America, used during the Revolution as a hospital and a barracks by both the American and the French troops, sheltering from its infancy all that was brightest and best in the life of the state, the edifice where such master-minds as James Manning, David Howell, Francis Wayland, John L. Lincoln, Albert Harkness and a host of others gave the best of their life-work, the home in



BROWN'S NEWEST CHAPTER HOUSE

Erected by Beta Theta Pi on George street at the foot of Prospect street

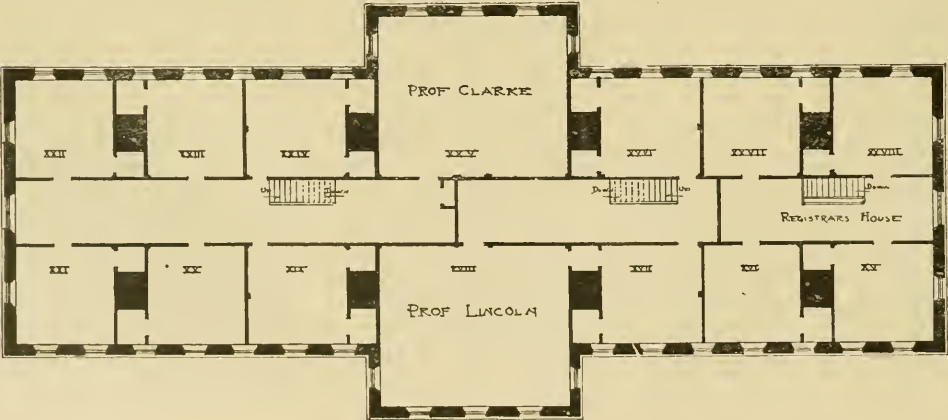


FIRST FLOOR

which were molded the characters of such men as Samuel G. Howe, George D. Prentice, Samuel S. Cox, Alexis Caswell, Horace Mann, Ezekiel G. Robinson, James O. Murray, Richard Olney, John Hay and James B. Angell—who shall say that this structure, so rich in its traditions of history, scholarship and culture, may not properly be considered the most important historic building in Rhode Island?

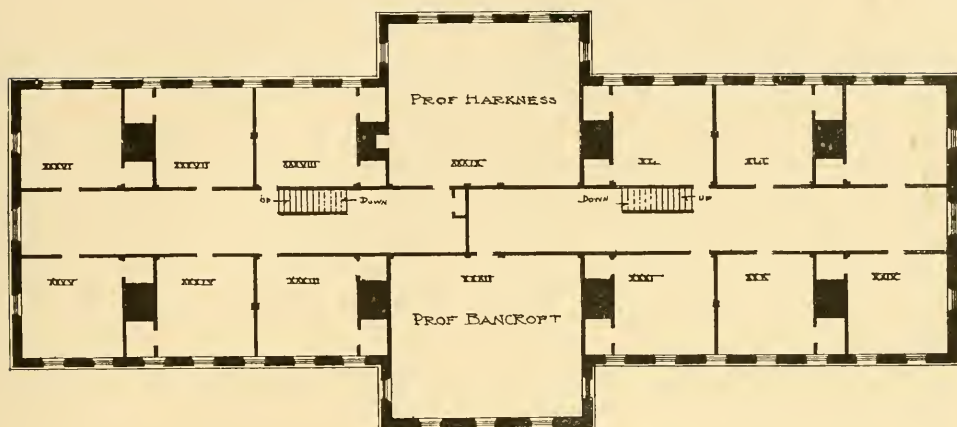
It was with the belief that a knowledge of where these scholars studied and these teachers taught would be valuable that President Faunce, in January last, instituted an inquiry as to the location of the ancient rooms. The structure experienced no notable alteration of its interior until 1883,

when all the floors and partitions were torn out. The long corridor running the length of the building was removed, thus leaving the large central rooms with but a single dividing wall, the stairways and the partitions between the rooms were changed and the numbering was altered. After the lapse of twenty-five years, the exact location of the old rooms and numbers became rapidly forgotten. The old partitions faded so naturally into the new that many a graduate with a clear memory forgot entirely that they were ever in any other position than the present. In the early part of 1907, Dr. William Kirk, of the university faculty, sent out a diagram of the present numbering of the rooms, asking each graduate who



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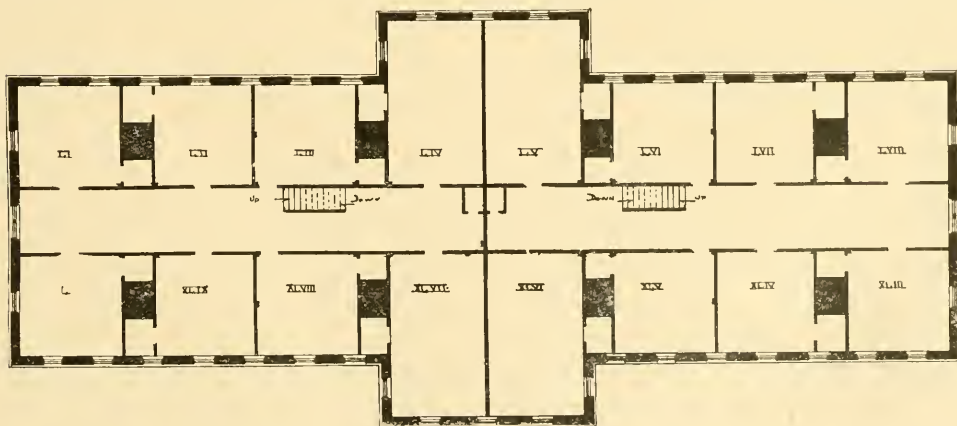
had roomed in University Hall before 1883 to indicate the location of the room he had occupied. The name of the graduate was then looked up in the contemporaneous college catalogue and the number of his room ascertained. The result of the several hundred replies received showed that for at least forty years preceding 1883 the numbering of the rooms ran from 1 to 58, in continuous order from the southwest to the southeast corner of the building, with 14 rooms on each floor with the exception of the fourth, which contained 16 rooms.

Within the last month, the university archivist \* has had compiled a complete list of the occupants of University Hall from 1808, the date of the first catalogue with the numbering of the rooms, to 1883. This list, containing about 3,000 names, is arranged according to

the numbers of the rooms, and is of decided help and significance. Not only does it indicate where famous graduates roomed, but it shows who preceded and followed them; it shows the influence of family ties, even to the second generation; it shows how friendships, notable in after life, were formed from the close associations in college. Could it be carefully read by many graduates, it would stir up a wealth of reminiscence that would add much to our knowledge of old University Hall.

But there are many things that this list does not show. A room will be occupied by students for a long period of years, and then for some reasons unexplained by the college catalogue, it will apparently be unoccupied for a decade or two. Unfortunately the annual catalogues gave reference only to the rooms of students, and when a room was withdrawn for the use of professors or

\*Mr. Brigham, the writer of this article.



FOURTH FLOOR

the steward or for classes, the catalogue made no note of the fact. For this information the present generation must rely wholly upon the memories of the older graduates.

Quite recently our knowledge of the interior arrangement of old University Hall has been much increased by the discovery of some plans of the building drawn apparently in the year 1882. These plans, unsigned and undated, preserve a correct drawing of the interior architecture of the building before its alteration. Unfortunately the plan of the first floor is missing, although the plans of the basement and the three upper floors remain. Through the kindness of Mr. Norman M. Isham, class of '86, these plans are reproduced to accompany this article, together with a plan of the first floor compiled from the recollections of Mr. Anthony McCabe. It is to be hoped that some graduate may be able to give the name of the person who drew these plans and also the reason for making them.

Old University Hall, as has been noted above, contained fourteen rooms on the lower floor, the numbering beginning with the southwest corner. Rooms 1 to 7, hence, were on the west side of the building, and all west of the long corridor which ran the length of the building. Rooms 8 to 14 were on the east side of the building, on the opposite side of the corridor. The four rooms at the south end, numbers 1, 2, 13 and 14, were used by students until the advent of Lemuel Elliott, as steward and registrar in 1826. They were used by him until the time of his retirement in 1864, and then by his successors William Douglas, 1864-1879, and Francis Wayland Douglas, 1879-1883. During the Douglas administration, room 1 was the parlor, room 2 the library, room 13 a bed-room, and room 14 the sitting-room. The corresponding rooms below in the basement were the laundry, dining-room, "slaves' " dining-room, and kitchen. This section was shut off from the rest of the building by continuing the wall along the cross entrance corridor, although at what time it was thus partitioned the writer does not know.

Room 3 was long used as the president's office, first by Wayland, then by Sears, Caswell and Robinson. At an

earlier date, however, certainly before 1850, President Wayland had his office in 18 Hope College. Room 4 was the large central room in the western portion, occupying both the first and second floors, and used during the early days of the college as the chapel. In 1850 it was converted into recitation rooms, and chapel exercises were removed to Manning Hall. Thereafter the room on the lower floor became the recitation-room of the president of the university. Professors Diman and Chace also held some of their recitations in this room. Room 5 was used as a dormitory until 1842, and afterwards given over to various uses. At the time of the alteration, it was used as a store-room. Rooms 6 and 7 were occupied by students until 1840, and after that date for different purposes. The corner room was at one time Professor Lincoln's recitation-room.

Rooms 8 to 14 were on the eastern side of the long corridor. The corner room was a dormitory until 1835 and at one period later in its history Professor Jewett's recitation-room. The two rooms at the northern end of the building were later converted into a drawing room, and including the corridor, went the whole width of the building. Rooms 9 and 10 were used for students until 1835 and 1823, respectively. In the period of the seventies they were store-rooms. Room 11 was the large central room on the east side used as "commons" until 1850, when this method of supplying board to the students was discontinued, and the room was converted into a recitation-room. It was used by the teachers of modern languages and was occupied by Professor George W. Greene, and later Professors Angell, Hobigand and Williams. August Doering, instructor in German, also held his recitations here for a year. Room 12 was never used for dormitory purposes, at least after 1808. For the longest period of its history, it was occupied as the registrar's office. Rooms 13 and 14 have been noted above in the account of the steward's quarters.

On the second floor of the building the numbering ran from 15 to 28. The southwest corner room, number 15, was a students' room until 1839 and in 1820 was occupied by Samuel Gridley Howe.



It was later used as a professor's room, Professor Lincoln certainly rooming there in the early fifties. This custom of requiring the officers of the institution to occupy a room in the college building during the whole period of the hours appropriated to study was inaugurated by President Wayland in 1827. The rooms of the officers were so distributed that each one had under his special supervision a certain number of students for whose conduct he was considered specially responsible, and whose rooms he was to visit once during the evening and once, at least, during the day.

Continuing northerly, room 16 was used for students until 1868 and then, together with room 15, for the purposes of the registrar, a private stairway having been cut through from his quarters on the floor below. Room 17 was used by the students until 1867, and at one time was occupied by George D. Prentice. Room 18, the large projecting room on the west side, was until 1850, the upper part of the college chapel. After the alteration it became known as Professor Lincoln's recitation room. Room 19, today numbered 40, was occupied by John Hay, when a junior, in the year 1855-56. Few rooms in the old edifice have seen as notable a galaxy of scholars as room 20, occupied for a period of one or more years by William G. Goddard, Zachariah Allen, John Larkin Lincoln, Albert Harkness, Samuel S. Cox and Alonzo Williams. These two rooms were never used for other than dormitory purposes throughout their known history, from 1808 to 1882. Room 21, on the northwest corner, was occupied by students until 1828, and after that year apparently by professors. Professor Caswell certainly roomed there in the fifties, and was followed by Professor Clarke.

On the east side of the building, beginning with the northeast corner, rooms 22, 23 and 24 were always used for dormitory purposes with the exception of the years 1830 to 1840. To what use they were put in this decade the writer does not know. Room 22 was occupied by Alexis Caswell when a student, and room 23 by George Park Fisher and by William W. Keen. Room 15 contained the library of the uni-

versity from the beginning until 1835, when the books were all removed to the lower floor of the new Manning Hall. Later it was occupied as a recitation-room for mathematics by Professor Caswell, and after him by Professor Clarke. Next south, room 26 was used, with slight intervals, for dormitory purposes until 1867, and after that year as a consulting room for the professor of mathematics. Rooms 27 and 28, although occupied by students until 1841 and 1832 respectively, were early given over to the uses of the registrar's family.

The rooms on the third floor were numbered in the same way, beginning with no. 29 at the southwest corner. This room was for the longest period of its history used by professors or instructors, but between 1808 and 1815 it was occupied by a number of well-known Providence students—Nicholas Brown, Moses B. Ives, Romeo Elton, Robert H. Ives, Benjamin F. Hallett and John Carter Brown. The two rooms next north were continuously used for dormitory purposes, among the occupants of room 30 being John Brown Francis, Horace Mann and James O. Murray, and of room 31 J. Lewis Diman and T. Whiting Bancroft. Room 32, the recitation room projecting on the west side, was used by Professors Gammell, Dunn and Bancroft at various periods in their teaching careers. Rooms 33 and 34 were always used by the students, the former at one time having been occupied by Robinson P. Dunn and by James Burrill Angell and the latter by Isaac Nelson Ford. Room 35 was always used for dormitory purposes except during the years 1835 to 1864, when it was apparently occupied by members of the faculty. Professor Chace roomed there about 1850.

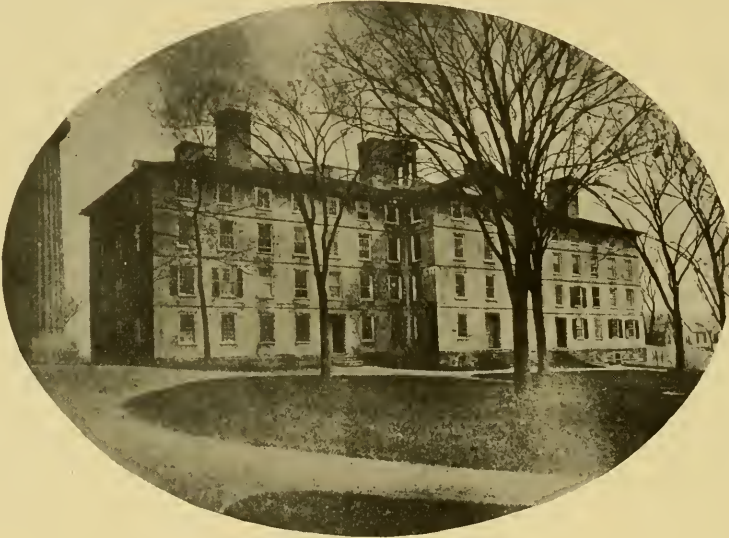
On the east side of the building, on the third floor, rooms 36, 37 and 38 were generally used by the students throughout their history. The most notable name occurring among the occupants is that of Eli Thayer, who roomed in number 37 in the year 1844. The recitation room in the eastern projection was used for many years by Professor George Ide Chace and later by Professor Harkness. Rooms 40 to 42 were used continuously by students. In number 41, the present number 26,

Job Durfee roomed in 1811-13 and Richard Olney in 1854-56. Benjamin Ide Wheeler occupied room number 42, the present number 27, from 1872 to 1875.

The numbering of the rooms on the fourth floor ran from 43 to 58, beginning as usual with the southwest corner. All the rooms on the west side of the building, except those in the projection, were used almost continuously for dormitory purposes, the numbers being 43, 44, 45, 48, 49 and 50. The large rooms in the centre of the building differed

Rooms 54 and 55 were in the eastern projection. The former was generally used as a dormitory and the latter, although occupied by students from 1808 to 1821, was later used for various purposes. It was a store-room in the sixties.

In the early college catalogues, from 1812 to 1822, there appears a room numbered 59. Whether this was a room temporarily constructed in the attic of the building or whether there was a different system of numbering during this period, there is no means of de-



UNIVERSITY HALL IN 1867

from those on the other floors in that they each were divided into two rooms by a partition. Those on the west side were numbered 46 and 47, and with the exception of the period from 1824 to 1860 were occupied by students. During this intervening period they were apparently used for recitation-rooms. On the east side of the building, rooms 51, 52, 53, 56, 57 and 58 were invariably used for dormitory purposes. In room 52, the present 59, Ezekiel G. Robinson lived in 1834, Thomas Durfee in 1842 and James B. Angell in 1845. Room 56, the present 32, was occupied by Merrick Lyon and Henry S. Frieze, who later became associated as principals of the University Grammar School. It was known as the "bell-room," from the fact that the college bell was rung by the students occupying this room.

termining. The numbering of the rooms from 1 to 5, with 14 rooms on each of the three lower floors and 16 rooms on the upper floor, existed without change as far back as 1835 and apparently as far as 1808, the date of the first printed catalogue. It is very doubtful, however, whether this arrangement was that originally planned by the builders of the structure. As can be seen in the accompanying plans, the partitions of some of the rooms abutted against the middle of the windows. It would seem incredible that the architects of the building so planned it. If there was a different arrangement of the rooms at first, in what year did the change take place, and what was the reason for the alteration? It is possible that these questions may be answered by the search which is at



present being made through the files of early college archives for material bearing upon the building of the structure.

The above description of the rooms in old University Hall has been drawn from varied sources. Undoubtedly there are mistakes and surely there are omissions. It is to be hoped, however, that the publication of this article, accompanied by the plans of the building, will result in many additions and corrections to the sum of our present knowledge. The writer earnestly urges all graduates who have roomed in old University Hall to write to him their recollections of the

ancient structure without fear that any communications will be considered too lengthy or tedious. He especially desires to know where the professors and instructors roomed, as well as taught, for what purposes those rooms not occupied by students were used, and the arrangement of the rooms on the lower floor during the period before 1850. It is only with the aid of the knowledge of the witnesses of these early scenes that we can form a picture of old University Hall, and it behooves us of the present generation to preserve this information before actual reminiscence becomes mere tradition.

## BROWN GRADUATES MEET AT ALBANY

President Faunce and Governor Hughes Guests of Honor  
at Annual Meeting



RESIDENT Faunce and Governor Hughes were the guests of honor and the principal speakers at the annual meeting of the Brown Alumni Association of Albany and vicinity held Thursday evening, December 5, 1907, at the Fort Orange Club, Albany. Thirty-two members of the association attended and greeted the guests of the evening. Before the dinner a business meeting was held, at which these officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Governor Hughes, '81; president, Rev. E. W. Babcock, '74; vice president, C. M. Graves, '95; secretary, Dr. S. A. McComber, '96; treasurer, Dr. C. A. Green, '02; executive committee, Henry L. Smith, '96, W. S. Seamans, Jr., '02, and Rev. R. N. Jessup, '04.

Charles S. Stedman, '96, the retiring president of the association, acted as toastmaster. President Faunce, "the animator of Brown alumni," was first introduced and gave an outline of recent events in the life of the university, which was received with great enthusiasm. He complimented the Albany association upon its activity and upon the work it had done in the preparatory schools of the vicinity and referred to it as one of the most promising of the younger

alumni associations. He advocated a conference of delegates of every alumni association to be held at Providence, to discuss and advise as to university policies. He urged the alumni to take an active part in the affairs of every-day life and not be among those who sit "warming themselves by the fire."

Governor Hughes was introduced amid great enthusiasm as "the despair of politicians, the hope of the people and the pride of Brown alumni," and spoke in characteristic manner of civic matters and of the present opportunities and duties of college men. He said even if he were not a son of Brown he would wish to have his son educated there because he believed that in no other college were the influences stronger or the opportunities greater. The governor referred in glowing terms to his student life but admonished the alumni that the college is greater today than then and that it must not and does not live in the past. "Much as I love the Brown of the days which will never be forgotten, I want to say that the Brown of today is superior to the Brown of my time and any other time."

C. M. Graves, '95, of Bennington, Vt., spoke in a witty vein and commented on the lasting friendships formed at college as differing from the later

friendships too frequently based upon commercialism. Mr. Graves's stories and anecdotes of student life kept his hearers in a gale of laughter.

William McDonald, an honorary member of the association, was called upon and extended greetings to the association.

The last speaker of the evening was Henry E. Pearsall, '07, who was introduced to speak upon some original historic research which he had made in connection with the life of Barbara Fritchie. Mr. Pearsall, who was president last year at Brown of the Vaudeville Club, recited the well-known poem with gestures and representations of Barbara Fritchie, Stonewall Jackson and the flag, in a way that convulsed the alumni.

The souvenirs of the evening were identification tags for each member, a brown satin ribbon with a letter B in gilt, which were worn by the guests, and a small brown football. The familiar Commencement March was played by the orchestra as the alumni entered the dining room, where an immense Brown flag was hung back of the speakers' table. The toast lists, which were printed in brown ink, included Brown songs, which were sung during the evening, the college cheers and cuts of the Brown bear.

Those present were: President Faunce, '80, Governor Hughes, '81, Rev. Thomas D. Anderson, D. D., '74, secretary of the corporation; Dr. R. S. Morrow, '70, Rev. E. W. Babcock, '74, William McDonald, A. C. Collins, '78, Col. G. C. Treadwell, aide to Governor Hughes; Rev. J. H. Spencer, '82, W. A. Dyer, '86, R. R. Martin, '98, W. G. Ely, Jr., '90, L. B. Wilmarth, '90, J. F. Munger, C. F. Aldrich, '94, George S. Ellis, '94,

J. S. Fox, '94, C. M. Graves, '95, O. F. Bellows, '95, Dr. S. A. McComber, '96, C. S. Stedman, '96, Donald McDonald, A. O. Foster, '97, R. C. Graves, '98, F. E. Gunnison, H. A. Weeks, '99, E. S. Wilkinson, '00, W. S. Seamans, Jr., '02, Dr. C. R. Green, '02,



REV. EDWARD W. BABCOCK, '74  
President of Brown Alumni Association of Albany and Vicinity

R. W. Seamans, Jr., '05, F. M. Anderson, '07, H. E. Pearsall, '07.

This was the fifth annual Albany reunion and the largest of the series. A member of the association writes the MONTHLY: "Hughes is growing wonderfully. His secretary tells me he has fourteen invitations to college commencements next June! Also he is receiving invitations to speak in the West and South, California, Oklahoma, etc., etc. It's great to watch!"

## SONS OF BROWN AT WORCESTER

A Successful Reunion in the "Heart of the Commonwealth"



WORCESTER county sons of Brown had their annual meeting and a dinner on the evening of December 6 in the State Mutual restaurant, State Mutual building, Worcester, Mass.

The guests of honor were W. H. P. Faunce, '80, president of Brown University, and Professor Courtney Langdon, '91. An informal reception took place at 7 o'clock, and then the business meeting was called to order by Rev.



Charles B. Elder, '77, last year's president of the organization.

The officers elected are: President, George A. Gaskill, '98; vice-president, H. F. Gould, '92; secretary and treasurer, John A. Clough, '99; executive committee, Rev. Charles B. Elder, '77, Charles L. Nichols, '72, Ray W. Greene, '83, Winifred H. Whiting, '02, and H. H. Rockwell, '96,

Two delegates, Dr. Ray W. Greene and John A. Clough, were appointed by the new president to attend the meeting of the Associated Alumni of Brown University.

The resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Associated Alumni bearing on the introduction of alumni in the management of university affairs is as follows:—

"Resolved that there shall be an advisory board of the alumni, to consist of one representative from each local association with 25 members, and two representatives from each association with 100 members, these representatives to be appointed by the presidents of the respective associations; of three members-at-large to be elected at the annual meeting of the Associated Alumni, and the secretary, ex-officio. This board shall hold office for one year and until another is constituted in its place. Its duty shall be to advise with the government of the university in all matters relating to its interest. There shall be an annual meeting of this board at the time of the so-called visiting day. Seven members constitute a quorum.

Dinner was served after the business meeting, followed by speaking, at which Rev. Charles B. Elder presided.

Those who spoke were President Faunce, Professor Courtney Langdon, District Attorney George S. Taft, George A. Gaskill and Clifton S. Anderson.

Those present were: President W. H. P. Faunce, '81, Providence; Professor Courtney Langdon, '91, Providence; Rev. Charles B. Elder, '77, Dr. Charles H. Perry, '59, Joseph Jackson, '69, Dr. Charles L. Nichols, '72, L. H. Torrey, '78, George S. Taft, '82, Dr. Ray W. Greene, '83, J. Fred A. Humes, '88, H. F. Gould, '92, Robert M. Brown, '93, O. P. Durkee, '93, H. E. Summer, '94, H. H. Rockwell, '96, W. W. Clark, '99, George A. Gaskill, '99, John A. Clough,

'99, C. S. Anderson, 1900, H. H. Whitney, '01, L. E. Feingold, '04, all of Worcester; Warren B. Harris, '07, Millbury; Rev. George A. Gordon, '95, Southbridge; Appleton P. Williams, '89, West Upton, and Albert W. Hinds, '87, West Boylston.

President Gaskill writes: "The association unanimously voted to send a message through Professor Langdon to the proper authorities at Brown that it was the desire of the sons of Brown in



GEORGE A. GASKILL, '98

President of Worcester County Brown Alumni Association

Worcester and vicinity that Brown and Dartmouth resume athletic relations. I do not know whether you think it is wise to put this into your account or not. We felt that while severing the relations might have been a wise step at the time, still that by now both colleges must have had time to think the matter over and possibly whatever lesson might have been in it has been learned already since the break, and we felt that Brown and Dartmouth were proper rivals and should resume relations on some fair common ground."

## BROWN REUNION AT NEW BEDFORD

### President Faunce Relates Interesting Facts About President Manning's Itinerancy



EARLY 40 Brown alumni with their friends sat down at the annual dinner in New Bedford, on the evening of December 26. Prior to the dinner the election of officers of the club was held, resulting in the selection of the following: President, Rev. Clarence M. Gallup, '96; first vice president, Allen F. Wood, '69; second vice president, Theodore B. Baylies, '95; secretary and treasurer, Fred W. Greene, Jr., '02. The executive committee elected comprises these officers and Frank A. Gifford, '81; Rufus A. Soule, '99, and William O. De Voll, '07.

Resolutions on the death of the late Major Austin S. Cushman, '49, who died soon after his election as first vice president of the club a year ago, were also adopted.

President Faunce was the first speaker at the dinner, leaving immediately after the conclusion of his speech to return to Providence. The other speakers included Dr. Henry W. Parker, '72, retiring president; Hon. Andrew J. Jennings of Fall River, '72, a member of the university board of trustees; Edward A. Thurston, '93, of Fall River; Lester E. Dodge, '03, of Providence, and Rev. Mr. Gallup. Those present sang Brown songs, led by the Apollo Quartette of Boston.

Dr. Faunce said in part: "The annual round of Brown alumni banquets has begun and my itinerary for the next six weeks is fairly complicated. It is sometimes supposed that in the good old days of long ago the college president stayed at home with his students, and that only in these degenerate years has he surrendered the education of youth for the visitation of his constituency. I will therefore read you a section of the memorandum of James Manning, the first president of Brown University, which I secured from our university librarian.

"Memoranda of ye places and times I am to preach after I set out upon my

journey 18th of September 1773. At Attleborough, 2 o'clock; Medfield, Sabbath; Boston, Monday evening; Wareham, Tuesday; Ipswich, Wednesday to Friday; 4 o'clock at Elder Harriman's; Sabbath, at Haverhill; Monday, 4 o'clock, at Chelmsford; Tuesday, 4 o'clock, at Grafton; Wednesday, 10 o'clock, at Sutton; 4 o'clock, at Charlestown; Thursday, 10 o'clock, at Sturbridge; evening, at Brimfield; Friday, 1 o'clock, at Wilbraham; Sabbath, at Springfield; Monday, 10 o'clock, at Enfield; South Brimfield, evening; Tuesday, 2 o'clock, Woodstock; Wednesday, 10 o'clock, at Abington.

"If I practice several years more I may become able to follow afar off the record of my illustrious predecessor.

"It is often asked how far the college may claim credit for the notable careers and achievements of its distinguished alumni. Were they great men because they went to college, or did they go to college because they were by nature ambitious and achieving men? May Yale University claim that it 'produced' Secretary Taft? May Brown University regard itself as the efficient cause of Governor Hughes! Was the extraordinary attainment of President Harper due to little Muskingum College, or would he in any college have begun a dynamic career? And if the college claims credit for all the noble achievements of its alumni, must it also acknowledge responsibility for all their failures and fallings by the wayside?

"Such questions are not easily answered. We are sure that in most human lives the influence of the home is far more potent than that of any school. But we are also sure that any institution which grapples with a young man during the plastic period between his 18th and 22d years, is likely to have profound influence on his ideals and standards—and those are the important things in life. To give ideals and standards is more than to give any information whatever."

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Has the time come for Brown to organize another crew? In reply to a letter from the editor of the MONTHLY on the subject, Mr. Frederick H. Briggs of the class of '89, a former Brown oarsman, has written an interesting communication, which appears in this month's Letter Box. The difficulty in the way of organizing a crew is chiefly financial. Regattas do not bring in money returns, as baseball or football matches do. There is no feasible method for collecting admission tickets from the spectators along the banks of a river course. Yet a comparatively small amount of money would give boat- ing another start at Brown. With a couple of new working boats and a second-hand shell or two, a good beginning would be made, and it has been estimated that a thousand dollars would be enough to revive the sport. How this would best be raised and how ap-

plied are questions for future settlement. Meanwhile the MONTHLY would be glad to receive brief communications on the subject, especially from those who—the sixties, seventies and eighties—sat in Brown boats.

Why suggest a renewal of the sport? Some alumni may ask. Princeton, a college not far, numerically, from Brown's class, has established rowing as a medium of wholesome outdoor exercise, although in order to do so it was necessary to have an artificial lake constructed. Already there is talk of Princeton's going to New London to meet Yale and Harvard, and though several years of preliminary experience may be required for such an entrance into the ranks of the famous contestants on the Thames there can be no doubt of the material prestige attendant on such a policy or of the large amount of pleasure derivable by the college and its graduates from this addition to its athletic activities.

But best of all is the healthful exercise. There is nothing finer than rowing for the development of sound bodies, and (the money problem aside) it would be a great thing for Brown to put a few class or dormitory crews on the Seekonk, if only in working boats. Rowing invests a college with new charm and romance. To be "on the crew" is an ambition that appeals to the average college youth even more, possibly, than to be on the eleven or the nine.

At first Brown could hold a modest class regatta or two. Then we might challenge Princeton to a friendly little race on the Seekonk. (There are few better courses in this part of the United States). And finally we ought to be able to go anywhere and meet anybody, as the Brown oarsmen of a generation since were able to do.



## THE LETTER-BOX

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### THE LAST BROWN CREW

*Mr. Henry R. Palmer,  
Editor Brown Alumni Monthly,  
Providence, R. I.*

*My Dear Mr. Palmer:*

In your letter you call me the captain of the last Brown crew. I do not make any claim to the title for the simple reason that that particular crew was never organized. I did, however, have the pleasure in my freshman year of rowing on the last 'varsity crew ever put on the Seekonk. Beattie, '86, of Fall River, was the captain and Gardner Colby, '87, of Orange the manager. We trained hard in the working boat during the spring, hoping to turn the defeat of the previous year into victory, only to find at the end that the racing shell was not sufficiently buoyant to remain afloat when driven at anywhere near racing speed. The bow would duck under and the boat fill with water whenever the crew settled down to business. The rowing association had not sufficient money to buy a new one, and to attempt to race in the heavy working boat would, of course, be suicidal, so the crew never went to Lake Quinsigamond to row in the intercollegiate race held there at that time. The crew broke training on the eve of the freshman baseball game between Harvard and Brown, and our chagrin at the unfortunate outcome of the crew was somewhat lightened by the glorious victory which the baseball team won the next day; the score being six to nothing in favor of Brown.

At the end of the season I had the honor of being chosen captain for the coming year. In those days the college was small and all athletic teams were supported by subscriptions from the undergraduates. Early in the fall of the next year the new business manager showed me the absolute impossibility of raising sufficient funds in the college to support both a baseball nine and a crew, although sufficient money could be raised to support one properly.

As a baseball nine appealed to the undergraduates more than a crew, we decided that for the good of the college it was better to support the ball team properly and let the boating interest go until a favorable opportunity for reviving it should arrive.

If the time has come for the revival of boating, it would seem to me a mistake to put a 'varsity crew on the water until such time as it can be done with a fair chance of Brown being represented by a winning crew. It is unlikely that a winning crew could be turned out until boating had been established for several years, and for that reason it would be better at the start to confine rowing to class crews, and hold a regatta each year on the Seekonk river. By this method the traditions of rowing would be built up, and proper coaches developed, and then when the time finally arrives to enter intercollegiate boating, Brown will have a body of trained oarsmen from whom a 'varsity crew can be selected, thoroughly capable of honorably representing the university in this important branch of athletics.

Very truly yours,

*Frederick H. Briggs, '89*

Boston, Dec. 7, 1907

### AN INTERESTING EXPLANATION

*Editor Brown Alumni Monthly:*

The letter of "Alumnus" in the November number mentions that "one of the most popular members of the Yale faculty, a Baptist, was fitted for college outside of New Haven, but went to Yale for his undergraduate course in spite of that fact, and in spite of the further fact that his father was a graduate of Brown." The person to whom "Alumnus" evidently alludes was born in New Haven and lived there until nearly ten years old. When the family left the city of Elms, the father, who took his professional course at Yale, had lived there thirty years, and during the young man's freshman year the

entire family returned to New Haven. There the parents continued to reside until the end of their long lives. There the mother's relatives had lived from the founding of the town, her ancestors including several of the original colonists, among them the first governor. The young man graduated at a Connecticut high school and had, by actual count, hundreds of relatives among the

Yale alumni, including his mother's father and three Yale presidents. It was not surprising, then, that he chose Yale, although, during the absence of the family from New Haven, his brothers took a part of their undergraduate course at Brown.

*Dryden W. Phelps, '77*

Hueneme, Calif., Nov. 12, 1907

## TOPICS OF THE MONTH



COPY of the fine bronze statue of the Roman Emperor, Marcus Aurelius which stands on the Capitoline Hill at Rome, will soon be erected at Brown, the gift of the late Moses Brown Ives Goddard of the class of 1854.

The statue was ordered in Italy before Mr. Goddard's death and is practically completed. The stone pedestal has already reached here, coming to New York from Italy. It was sent to Providence in bond and is now at the appraiser's stores of the United States Custom House on West Exchange street, awaiting the arrival of the bronze portion.

The firm of Hoppin & Field, architects, will have charge of the work of designing a suitable base for the statue and putting in a proper condition for its erection. It will be located on the site lying due east of Sayles Hall, where excavations for the foundation have already been commenced.

Marcus Aurelius succeeded to the throne of Rome in the year 161, and died in 180. His statue during the Middle Ages stood near the Lateran, and was removed in the year 1538 to its present commanding position on Capitoline Hill. Its preservation is believed to be due to the fact that it was popularly supposed to be the statue of Constantine, the first Christian Emperor of Rome. The present pedestal is the work of Michaelangelo, and was cut from a column of the temple of Castor and Pollux.

The statue and pedestal combined measuring over 20 feet in height, the

equestrian figure and rider measuring about 13 feet and the pedestal seven and a half feet. The ground dimensions of the pedestal are 12x6 feet.

The donor of this copy also gave to Brown the bronze statue of Caesar Augustus which stands in front of Rhode Island Hall.



### Plans for Hay Library

Mr. Koopman, the university librarian, has spent much time during December visiting and inspecting, in company with Mr. Charles C. Soule, the library expert of Boston, many important libraries in the East for the purpose of acquiring suggestions for the John Hay Library at Brown. The tour has been fruitful not only in new ideas but in warnings. No library building thus far constructed, it need hardly be said, is perfect, but excellent features can be found in all or most of them, while the unfortunate features are useful as marking pitfalls to be avoided.

The problem at Brown is peculiar, in that the selected site is on the side of a precipitous hill. At Cornell a similar problem has been treated, however, with considerable success. Presumably the book stacks at Brown will occupy in some way the sharp declivity west of Prospect street.

No announcement has yet been made of the architect or the probable date on which a beginning will be made in the construction of the building, but the authorities are proceeding earnestly and continuously and the foundation will be laid as soon as the preliminaries are thoroughly and satisfactorily arranged.

**Co-operative  
College Club  
for New York**

The suggestion was made last winter that the alumni associations of certain of the New England colleges should co-operate in erecting a building which would afford to their alumni adequate club accommodations in New York city. The matter was brought before the alumni associations of Amherst, Brown, Dartmouth, Technology, Wesleyan and Williams, and committees were appointed to consider the feasibility of such a plan. Representatives from these committees have held frequent meetings during the past few months to discuss the proposition, and formulate a plan to present to their respective associations. It is the opinion of this committee that it is financially practicable, and should be put into operation as soon as possible. A circular is being sent to the alumni of all the colleges represented at the conference, in order to obtain a general expression of opinion before bringing the matter before the various associations.

The primary object of a college club in New York is to bring together the younger graduates each year, and to provide a place where they may live with reasonable economy, meet the older alumni, and keep alive their college interest and spirit. Few of these men can afford, for some years after graduation, to join one of the larger New York clubs, and even when they can afford to do so, they must, with the best clubs, wait several years before election.

The benefits to their universities of the Yale, Harvard and Princeton clubs are too apparent to require extended comment, but the cost of building and maintaining a club house with thorough, up-to-date equipment is too great for any of the alumni associations of these New England colleges at present to undertake separately.

Various substitutes have been tried by several of the colleges interested in the present plan. Brown and Dartmouth maintain club quarters where monthly meetings are held and the college periodicals are kept on file, and all the colleges have alumni associations holding annual meetings and giving several dinners and smokers

during the winter. The only college which maintains a club house is Technology, which rents a brownstone residence, slightly altered for club purposes. The club is financially very successful and is supported loyally by the alumni, but because of its inability to furnish facilities equal to those offered by the larger New York clubs, it has been found that the use of the club is confined to comparatively few men, whereas with a larger club the attendance would be increased and the usefulness of the club enlarged.

It is now proposed that the alumni of the six colleges named unite in purchasing a site in the club district north of Forty-second street, and erecting a suitably equipped and modern club house, the building to be nine stories in height, with a frontage of not less than fifty feet, and with its general arrangements as follows :

On the two lower floors are to be located the office, dining room, cafe, billiard and card rooms, and in the basement squash courts, kitchen, the mechanical plant and laundry.

On each of the next six floors are to be a general club room and from fifteen to twenty living rooms, these to be known as club floors ; the top story to contain sleeping rooms for the use of non-resident members.

The building is to be built and owned by a holding corporation to be organized for this purpose, about sixty to sixty-five per cent. of its cost to be carried on a permanent first mortgage, and the balance raised by the sale of second mortgage bonds, issued in small denominations, and sold to the alumni of all the colleges, of whom there are about five thousand living in New York and vicinity.

It is then proposed that each of the six colleges represented form separate clubs, and that each club shall lease one of these club floors for its exclusive use, reserving the club room for the general use of its members, and renting the sleeping rooms to those who wish to live at the club. The lower rooms are to be used by all the clubs in common, the dining room to be arranged, if desired, with large tables for each club and smaller tables for general use.



Arrangements could be made by which the dining room on certain evenings could be reserved exclusively for one of the colleges for its smokers and dinners.

The general management of the building would be in the hands of a joint committee representing all the clubs.

The six colleges already have strong alumni associations, with membership lists ranging from four to eight hundred, and assuming that only one-half of the men now in the alumni associations would join their respective clubs, the combined resident membership list at the start should not fall below fifteen hundred and with the advantages offered by such a building, each club should have little difficulty in adding a large number of non-residents. With fourteen hundred resident and twelve hundred non-resident members, the Yale club now maintains the most financially successful college club in the city.

It should be noted that under the proposed plan each college club will maintain its own individuality and be complete in itself. Each one will have an entire floor of the building, where it can have its club room, containing its library, college papers, pictures, trophies, &c., and a sufficient number of living rooms for rental to enable it to keep its rate as low as those of the other college clubs, with a special rate during the first four years after graduation.

The following committee has the matter in charge: Albert H. Walker, Amherst; A. B. Meacham, Brown, '96, 59 Wall street, New York; A. B. Clark, Dartmouth; Allston Sargent, Technology; Horace D. Byrnes, Wesleyan; Henry R. Conger, Williams.



#### Statistics Of Graduates

Upon the addition to the alumni list of the names of those who received degrees, at commencement, 1907, the total enrollment from the beginning was 6,526, or a gain of 151 over the previous year. Of these, 5,762 had taken the first degree; 95, exclusive of those just mentioned, had taken advanced degrees; 69, the degree of doctor of medicine; and 615, honorary de-

grees. Of the total number of graduates, 3,575, or 54 per cent. are living.



#### Football Elections

The annual election of football captain resulted in the choice of John Wesley Mayhew, '09, of Edgartown, Mass., who has played a brilliant game at half-back during the last two seasons. Mr. Mayhew is one of the most brilliant backs in the country, but whether his election to the captaincy will detract



ALBERT HARKNESS POLAND, '09  
Manager Brown Football Team

from his star work is a question that only the future can answer. However, Captain Pryor has more than maintained his playing reputation during his leadership of the eleven and it is not too much to hope that Captain Mayhew will find it possible to combine his old individual efficiency with the successful discharge of the responsibilities of his new position.

The new manager is Albert Harkness Poland, '09, of Providence, grandson of Professor Albert Harkness, '42, and son of Professor William Carey Poland, '68. Mr. Poland has had a useful experience as assistant manager during the past season, and comes to his managerial duties well equipped.

**Brown Basketball Schedule**      Saturday, Jan. 4—Tufts at Providence.  
   Saturday, Jan. 11—Norwich University at Providence.  
   Wednesday, Jan. 15—Tufts at Medford.  
   Thursday, Jan. 16—Princeton at Providence.  
   Saturday, Jan. 18—M. I. T. at Providence.  
   Friday, Jan. 24—Harvard at Cambridge.  
   Saturday, Jan. 25—Wesleyan at Providence.  
   Wednesday, Jan. 29—Colgate at Providence.  
   Friday, Jan. 31—Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.  
   Saturday, Feb. 1—Fordham at New York.  
   Wednesday, Feb. 5—Wesleyan at Middletown.  
   Saturday, Feb. 8—Andover at Providence.  
   Wednesday, Feb. 12—Manhattan at Providence.  
   Saturday, Feb. 15—Harvard at Providence.  
   Tuesday, Feb. 18—Syracuse at Providence.  
   Friday, Feb. 21—Troy Polytechnical at Troy.  
   Saturday, Feb. 22—Williams at Williamstown.  
   Saturday, Feb. 29—Trinity at Providence.  
   Wednesday, March 4—Williams at Providence.



**Brown "Must Not Feel Slighted"**      "The arrangements which the gossips are making between Harvard, Princeton and Yale, include also boating and field and track sports," says the Waterbury American. "Princeton is to be admitted to the Thames rowing party as soon as she feels able to make a good appearance. This will be a select athletic group, with enough to do in entertaining each other, and with use for outsiders only to practice on. The big outsiders, like Pennsylvania, Cornell, Columbia, Brown, etc., mustn't feel slighted if the arrangement is made. There are plenty of other worlds to con-

quer, and this exclusive combination will break at intervals. It may not even hold together long enough to begin."



**Triangular Chess League**      The Triangular College Chess League, composed of Brown, Cornell and Pennsylvania, held its annual meet in New York, Dec. 26, 27, 28, and 30, Cornell winning and Brown finishing last, with 2½ games won and 4½ lost. During the meet the league was, as usual, the guest of the president, Professor Isaac L. Rice, and the games were played at his residence on Riverside drive. Each college was represented by two men, each of whom played one game with each man from the other colleges.

In 1904 Brown was represented by Burton and Van Arsdale, in 1905 by Van Arsdale and Sweet, and in 1906 by Sweet and McCoy. The standing of the colleges for the last three years has been as follows:

	1904		Won	Lost
Pennsylvania . . . . .	5		3	
Cornell . . . . .	4	1-2	3	1-2
Brown . . . . .	2	1-2	5	1-2
	1905			
Pennsylvania . . . . .	5		3	
Brown . . . . .	4	1-2	3	1-2
Cornell . . . . .	2	1-2	5	1-2
	1906			
Brown . . . . .	5		3	
Pennsylvania . . . . .	5		3	
Cornell . . . . .	2		6	

The men who represented Brown this year are O. R. McCoy, '09, captain, and R. W. Burgess, '09. The former, who "made good" in the meet last year, was expected to do even better after a year's experience. Burgess, although a new man on the league team, in all his matches and tournament games has proved to be a strong player.



**Proposed Charter Revision**      A graduate of Brown writes to the ALUMNI MONTHLY:

"If the alumni of Brown University are to vote intelligently on the question of charter revision, the friends of reform should suggest a definite substitute for this venerable document. They complain that the provisions of the present charter are outworn. They neg-

lect to state what conditions shall hereafter govern election to the corporation if their proposed amendment is adopted. It seems hardly profitable for us to abandon a method well tried and efficient for something not yet clearly outlined in detail."

THE MONTHLY has been furnished with the following statement of the clauses of the university charter which it is proposed shall be changed. The portions in Roman type are those to be retained; those in italics are proposed for excision:

"And that the Number of the Trustees shall, and may be Thirty-six: *of which Twenty-two shall forever be elected of the Denomination called Baptists, or Antipaedobaptists: Five shall forever be elected of the Denomination called Friends or Quakers, Four shall forever be elected of the Denomination called Congregationalists, and Five shall forever be elected of the Denomination called Episcopalians: And that the Succession in this Branch shall be forever chosen and filled up from the respective Denominations in this Proportion and according to these Numbers, which are hereby fixed, and shall remain to Perpetuity inscrutably the same.* . . . . And that the number of the Fellows, inclusive of the President (who shall always be a fellow) shall and may be Twelve: *of which Eight shall be forever elected of the Denomination called Baptists, or Antipaedobaptists; and the rest indifferently of any or all Denominations.* And that . . . or such, or so many of them as shall qualify themselves as aforesaid, shall be, and they are hereby declared the first and present Fellows and Fellowship, to whom the President, when hereafter elected, (*who shall forever be of the Denomination called Baptists or Antipaedobaptists*) shall be Joined to compleat the Number.

AND FURTHERMORE, It is Declared and Ordained, That the Succession in both Branches, shall at all Times hereafter, be filled up and supplied according to these Numbers, *and this established and invariable Proportion from the respective Denominations*, by the separate Election of both Branches of this Corporation, which shall at all Times sit and act by separate and distinct Powers:

AND FURTHERMORE, It is Enacted, Ordained and Declared, That this

Corporation, at any of their Meetings, regularly convened as aforesaid, shall and may elect and appoint the President and Professor of Languages, and the several parts of Literature . . . . and them or any of them, at their Discretion to remove and substitute others in their Places. *And in case any President, Trustee or Fellow shall see Cause to change his religious Denomination, the Corporation is hereby empowered to declare his or their Place or Places vacant, and may proceed to fill up it or them accordingly, as before directed, otherwise each Trustee or Fellow, not an Officer of Instruction, shall continue in his Office during Life, or until Resignation. And further, in Case either of the religious Denominations should decline taking a Part in this Catholic, comprehensive and liberal Institution, the Trustees and Fellows shall and may compleat their Number, by electing from their respective Proportions hereinbefore prescribed and determined.* . . . . And that the Places of President, Trustees, Fellows,\* Professors, Tutors, and all other Officers, *the President alone excepted*, shall be free and open for all *Denominations of Protestants.*

\* These three words "President, Trustees, Fellows" are the only new words proposed to be inserted.



**Extension Notes** The extension work at the university has reached, it is believed, a solid basis.

The number enrolled last year—534—could not be permanent. As a college officer writes the MONTHLY; "Many wanted a *taste*, and were satisfied." This year over 300 are enrolled, a fact that indicates a genuine and continuous demand; and, what is especially gratifying, they are well distributed in the various courses.



**Faculty Notes** Professors Manning and Slocum attended the recent meetings of the Association of Mathematical Teachers of New England held in Boston. The subject of the meeting was "College Entrance Examinations in Mathematics."

Professor William Kirk is planning a book on the development of Providence.



**Mr. Frost's Gift to the Library** The university library has received a gift of 250 books and pamphlets from Edwin C. Frost of the class of 1890, many of which will prove valuable additions. Perhaps the most important feature of the gift is a set of 16 scrap-books, containing play bills of all the plays presented at the New York theatres for about ten years. There are also five volumes of the "Anecdota Oxoniensia," consisting of texts, documents, and extracts from manuscripts in the Bodleian and other of the Oxford libraries. Among some of the other important works are the following: A series of standard French plays, a set of volumes on American plays, both early and recent, fifteen volumes of the Dunlap Society publications and several volumes on "The State of Man Subsequent to Christianity."



**After the Refectory—What?** In a short time the refectory in the former presidential mansion at the corner of College and Prospect streets will have to give way to the John Hay Library. What, then, will take its place in supplying the creature wants of the considerable body of undergraduates now dependent upon it for their three meals a day? The question is one of real seriousness at Brown and one that deserves the careful attention of the authorities and alumni. Is a new commons hall feasible? If so, where should it be placed, how many should it accommodate, what would be the cost and how would it be paid for?



**Faculty Circle at Brown** Much has been done in recent years to solidify the feeling of community among the officers of instruction and administration at Brown. The faculty has now been so largely concentrated on the east side of the city that, so far as the 1906-07 catalogue shows, only one member now has his home on the west side. This of course increases the facility with which the social life of the faculty circle can be promoted, besides bringing its

members into more effective relations for the discussion and treatment of educational and administrative problems.

Many new houses have been erected by members of the faculty in the neighborhood of the college, informal receptions to new members have been given, memorial services in honor of deceased teachers like Professors Harkness and Packard have been held, a successful effort has been made to keep in touch with those who have left Brown for other fields of work, (among them Professors Lamont, Jameson and Bumpus), a series of faculty socials have been maintained at the Art Club each winter, and the Manning Club has been formed, an organization to which only faculty members of full professorial rank are eligible.



**Brown Notes From Boston** The weekly lunches of the Brown Alumni Association of Boston, held every Monday from 12:30 to 2:00 P. M., in the rathskeller of the American House, are very pleasant social occasions. Every alumnus who can avail himself of this opportunity of meeting other Brown men will not only enjoy a good time, but will incidentally help his college. If alumni living in New England, who have graduated within the last two years, and others who have changed their residences, within the last year, will send their address to C. E. Clift, 22 Tremont Row, Boston, they will be kept notified of arrangements being made for the annual dinner of the Sons of Brown living in Boston and vicinity.



**College Interest in Missions** There has been a quite unusual interest in foreign missions at Brown this year. A mission band of thirteen have volunteered to go to the foreign field when their course of study is ended, and are meeting constantly, encouraging one another in their purpose. It is recalled that Adoniram Judson the great missionary was graduated from Brown in 1807, just one hundred years ago.

## BRUNONIANS FAR AND NEAR

*The Alumni*

## PROVIDENCE AND WORCESTER OFFICERS

Walter F. Angell, '80, of Providence, was elected president of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, at the annual meeting, December 11. Among the directors are Samuel S. Durfee, '80, and Frank W. Matteson, '92, both of Providence.

1858

Dr. A. W. Nelson of New London, who was an assistant surgeon of the eighteenth regiment, Massachusetts volunteers, during the civil war, was the special guest of the Harbour club of New London, on the evening of December 12, and furnished an interesting fund of reminiscences of one of the bloodiest of the battles of the great war—that of Gaines Mills, Virginia, which was participated in by a portion of the troops with which he was connected. The New London Day says: "Following Dr. Nelson's talk, Capt. Daniel R. Loosley, who was a captain in the Fourth infantry of the same army corps, gave a brief talk on the feelings of a soldier while in a battle. The combination of experiences furnished one of the most interesting entertainments the Harbour club has yet provided.

1861

The Hartford, Conn., Courant, prints a picture of Hon. Charles E. Mitchell, ex-United States commissioner of patents, in connection with a Sunday observance crusade in New Britain, in which Mr. Mitchell and his son, the local prosecuting attorney, have taken part.

1864

The last scientific paper of Dr. Clarence T. Gardner, on "Auto-Intoxication," was read by Dr. W. L. Munro, '79, at the recent meeting of the Rhode Island Medical Society, on December 6.

1864, 1897, 1898

At the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Bar Association, December 2, Hon. Oscar Lapham, '64, was elected a vice president; Howard B. Gorham, '98, secretary, and Arthur M. Allen, '97, a member of the executive committee.

1872

Rev. Orson P. Bestor has recently entered upon his duties as pastor of the Baptist Church at La Moille, Ill.

1875

President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California, while making a friendly call on President Roosevelt lately, is said to have shown him a cartoon which represented various financial interests standing as gladiators before the imperial personage

while they saluted thus: "We, who are about to bust, salute thee." Whereupon Mr. Roosevelt laughed and replied: "Abusus non tollit usum," the English translation of which is: "Abuse does not do away with use." But it will not make the president any more deeply beloved by the 'gladiators' because he is able to drop into Latin when he discusses them with the same ease with which he uses cowboy vernacular or the language of Brer Rabbit.—*Indianapolis Star*.

1876

At the recent conference of the National Municipal League, at Brown University, Dr. Charles Value Chapin spoke on "Sanitary Conditions in Providence."

1877

Judge Frederick Rueckert was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Providence school committee, December 3.

1878

Harold C. Child is teaching in the high school at Malden, Mass. He retains, however, his Swampscott address.

1883

Gov. Hoch of Kansas has offered to make Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka, superintendent of the Hutchinson reformatory, but it is said that this well-known clergyman, whose appeal for the Christ-like standard of living is familiar, is not likely to leave the ministry, remarks the Springfield Republican. The Kansas City Star is moved to say that "the spectacle of a Topeka man refusing a state job is to be witnessed only once in a lifetime."

On December 2, Hon. Franklin E. Brooks, in response to a request signed by a large number of representative citizens of Colorado Springs, announced his candidacy for the United States senatorship from Colorado, to succeed Senator Henry M. Teller, whose term expires in 1909. Mr. Brooks has served as a representative in congress for two terms but in 1906 declined a re-election. Of the petitioners (130 in number, headed by Gen. William J. Palmer, the well-known developer of Colorado enterprises) the Colorado Springs Gazette says: "A large majority of them are men who have not been known as actively in politics, although, of course, like all good citizens, they take enough interest in matters political to try to secure good men for public office. They know Mr. Brooks—most of them have known him for a dozen years or more; they have seen his career as a representative in Congress; they respect his character, and they believe he is the sort of man who ought to be elected to represent this state in the senate. On the ground of his character and past services, not only to the party but to the

state in general, they practically present him to the people of the state as a man whom they heartily indorse for this high office."

1885;

Dr. J. C. Monaghan, professor of political economy at Notre Dame (Indiana) University, addressed the Pittsburg chapter of the American Institute of Banking, December 10, on "Empire Building." The Pittsburg Post says: "Dr. Monaghan traced the history of Germany and Japan in the last century and ascribed their present position to their educational methods. He is an enthusiastic indorser of industrial and technical schools."

1887

Louis Franklin Snow, Ph. D., has recently published a book entitled "The College Curriculum in the United States." "Dr. Snow," says a reviewer, "gives in convenient compass an interesting and valuable account of the development of the college curriculum. He treats the matter historically with an abundance of references. The great changes that have taken place, he says, are a growth, not an accident. Yet there are those who question if the ideal of aliberal education is in every respect as high now as it was in the days when the humanities were more exclusively cultivated. Dr. Snow is not an extremist on either side of the old debate; he has simply set forth the facts with accuracy and candor."

1889

Professor Vernon P. Squires of the University of North Dakota, is scheduled for the president's address, at the twenty-first annual meeting of the North Dakota Educational Association, at Grand Forks, January 1.

Walter Perley Hall of Fitchburg was nominated on December 11 as railroad commissioner by Governor Guild of Massachusetts in place of James F. Jackson of Fall River, resigned. In making the appointment of Mr. Hall, Governor Guild designated him as chairman of the board, a position formerly occupied by Mr. Jackson. Mr. Hall has been a resident of Fitchburg for many years. He was a student at Brown University from 1885 to 1888 and graduated from the Harvard Law School, and served as city solicitor of Fitchburg, assistant district attorney of Middlesex county, and assistant attorney general, which latter position he has until now occupied. He is a member of the legal firm of Baker & Hall of Fitchburg. He is married and has three children. The Massachusetts board of railroad commissioners was created in 1869, and some of the ablest men in the state have served on it. The present commissioners, in addition to Chairman Hall, are Clinton White of Boston and George W. Bishop of Newton.

1890

Rev. F. W. Sandford is rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Phenix, R. I.

Professor Dealey spoke before the Y. M. C. A. of Providence, on the evening of December 6. His subject was "The Need of Constitutional Reform in Rhode Island."

Edwin Collins Frost of Providence, with Mrs. Frost, sails from New York on the Caronia, January 4, for an indefinite stay in Europe, first in the vicinity of Naples.

Judge Thomas E. Brown, Jr., of the Canal Zone, Isthmus of Panama, has been serving as prosecuting attorney for three months, in the absence of the regular official, but returned to his judicial duties in December. Mrs. Brown has recently joined him at Christobal, where he makes his headquarters.

1891

Colonel Robert W. Taft of Providence has been re-elected to the directory of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.

1892

Theodore S. Brown is overseer of the spinning and twisting, at the Peace Dale Manufacturing Co. mills, Peace Dale, R. I.

James C. Collins, Jr., has resigned his position as assistant attorney general of the state of Rhode Island.

Jelend H. Littlefield of Mamaroneck, N. Y., sailed last month, with Mrs. Littlefield, for Europe.

1893 advanced

Professor Herbert E. Walter, Ph. D., on December 10, gave an interesting lecture before the Providence Franklin Society, on "The Theory of Bird Migration."

1894

Mr. H. Anthony Dyer's annual exhibition at the Tilden-Thurber galleries in Providence is now on, and lovers of his charming water-colors will not be disappointed, but will find new stimulus in his paintings of the sea, which mark a distinct departure from his former work, says the Boston Transcript. The glow and color of autumn is not wanting in the few landscapes exhibited, but the exhibition is devoted chiefly to the marines which were painted at Newport last summer. The artist has succeeded in depicting the sea under almost every aspect, but the sum and substance of what he has been trying to do is perhaps best shown in the little painting entitled "The Lonesome Sea." There is a stretch of sullen sea creeping up on the beach, a sullen sky above, with clouds casting their leaden shadows on the waves. The picture is subtly painted, and imbued with the sentiment of the ocean.

On December 8, Rev. George Robinson Hazard entered upon his duties as rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Manchester, N. H. Since Mr. Hazard's graduation from the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, in 1898, with the degree of D. B., he has served as curate of St. George's Church, New York City, from 1898 to 1900, as vicar of St. Mark's Church, Southboro, Mass., from 1900 to 1905; and as rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit of Mattapan, Boston, from 1905 until the present time.

Professor Frederick Slocum, Ph. D., at the meeting of the New England Mathematical Society, at Brown University, read a paper on



"The Use of the History of Mathematics in Teaching." He has also recently given a stereopticon lecture on "Mars," at the Union for Christian Work, of Providence.

## 1897

Wilbur A. Scott, Esq., treasurer of the Brown Union, was the Republican candidate for state senator from the town of Cumberland, November 5.

Howard Harris Utley was in July last appointed superintendent of the American Zinc Extraction Co., at Leadville, Colo., the largest electric zinc plant in the United States. Mr. Utley after leaving Brown entered the Colorado State School of Mines, receiving the degree of M. E., in 1900.

Rev. J. C. Robbins was the speaker at the monthly missionary concert at the Union Baptist Church, Providence, on December 5. Mr. Robbins, with Mrs. Robbins, is about to return to the Philippine Islands, where he is engaged in missionary work.

## 1897 honorary

Secretary Oscar S. Straus of the United States department of commerce and labor recommends in his annual report "a full and fair reconsideration of Chinese immigration and a recasting of the laws upon a juster basis."

## Ex-1898

Dr. Henry T. Summersgill is with the United States Sanitary Corps in the Canal Zone, Isthmus of Panama.

## 1899

John W. Dows has been re-elected superintendent of schools in East Providence.

William M. Cotton, Jr., formerly of Providence, is division engineer of the Joplin division of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Nevada, Missouri (pronounced Nevayda, to distinguish it from the state of the same name.) Two of Mr. Cotton's roadmasters have just received first and second premiums, respectively, for the best condition of line and surface at the time of the annual inspection, a condition reflecting credit not only upon them but upon their superior officer, Mr. Cotton, also. There are six divisions on the road, so that in carrying off two out of the three prizes offered, the Joplin division receives the lion's share.

## 1900

Dr. Charles K. Stillman has located at 123 East 26th street, New York city, for the practice of medicine.

## 1901

Dr. Charles S. Turner completed his term of service at the Long Island Hospital, Boston, last July, and has located for the practice of medicine, at 532 Prairie avenue, Providence.

## 1902

J. H. Cady is with Howells and Stokes, architects, New York city.

The address of Lorraine T. Peck is 141 South street, Morristown, N. J.

## 1904

Edmund Kingsley Arnold is teaching Latin in Oahu College, Honolulu, Hawaii. He will also coach the baseball team.

William D. Appleton is assistant superintendent of the Guanajuato Power and Electric Co., operating near Zamona, Michoacan, Mexico.

## 1905

The Allston, Mass., address of Ralph B. Woodsum is 68 Gardner street.

Paul Weiss is principal of the high school at Marion, La.

W. J. Lamkie is engaged in religious work for the Naval Y. M. C. A., at the New York Navy Yard.

George D. Allison received the degree of master of arts at Columbia University last June under Professor F. H. Giddings of the department of sociology. Mr. Allison is also pursuing his theological studies at Union Theological Seminary.

Charles Z. Alexander has recently been admitted to the Rhode Island bar.

F. S. Doughty has been appointed superintendent of the Olneyville Boys' Club.

A. E. Durkee is engaged in the fountain business in Taunton, Mass.

T. W. Gordon is constructive engineer for the Makonikay Fire Brick Co., of Vineyard Haven, Mass.

C. Hadlai Hull has entered his father's law office, at New London, Conn.

William A. Read is working for his doctor's degree at Harvard University.

E. A. Hopkins, Jr., is a broker at 212 Union street, room 604, Providence, dealing in real estate, mortgages, insurance and loans.

## 1906

The class of 1906 are to have a reunion and smoker on the evening of Saturday, February 8. The details of the reunion will be announced to the members of the class later.

## 1907

The memorial address delivered by President Faunce at the funeral of Preston Day Jones, at the First Baptist Church, in Providence, on July 29, has been printed in a pamphlet, which contains also the photograph of the deceased, and has been sent by the secretary, Claude R. Branch, who succeeds Mr. Jones in that office, to every member of the class.

The address of A. Lloyd Briggs is 8 Steuben street, Ithaca, N. Y.

Leon F. Payne is with the Western Electric Company at Hawthorne, Ill.

E. C. Carder and M. L. Streeter are studying at Rochester Theological Seminary.

William Partridge, Jr., is teaching at Troy Conference Academy, of Poultney, Vt.

*The Alumnae*

## 1896

Miss Florence J. Whiting has resigned her position as teacher in the English High School, Providence, to accept a position as teacher of science at Miss Dow's school, Briar Cliff Manor, N. Y.

## 1900

Martha Wilbur Watt has resigned her position at Hampton Institute and is teaching in the Chace-Fielden School of Providence.

Dr. Alice May Ballou has recently returned from a year in Europe, and will open an office at 157 Benefit street, Providence, about January first. While in Europe, Dr. Ballou visited hospitals in Vienna, Berlin and Paris, and was present at a number of clinics. After graduating in 1900, Dr. Ballou continued her studies at Brown, receiving the master's degree in 1901. The following autumn she entered Johns Hopkins University, graduating in 1905, with the degree of M. D. After a year of hospital service, she went abroad for travel and further study. Her home address is 61 Congdon street, Providence.

*Marriages*

Adolph Conrad Ely, '94, and Miss Betsy Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Broadhead Pike of Salisbury, Mass., were married at Salisbury, Saturday, December 21. Mr. and Mrs. Ely will be at home at 14 Washburn street, Watertown, Mass., after February 1. Mr. Ely was a member of Phi Delta Theta at Brown.

A. Rome, N. Y., on Tuesday, December 17, 1907, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Cyrus D. Prescott, First Lieutenant George Allen Taylor, '01, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A., was married to Miss Mabelle Todd Prescott. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Ruth Palmer Prescott, as maid of honor. The best man was Captain Harry James Watson U. S. A. After February 1, Lieutenant and Mrs. Taylor will be at home at Fort Andrews, Mass.

*Births*

Born on August 22, 1907, to Rev. Charles M. Angle, '96, and Mrs. Angle, a daughter.

*Deaths*

REV. ALBERT HALE PLUMB, D. D., 1855

Rev. Albert Hale Plumb of the class of 1855, for thirty-five years pastor of the Walnut Avenue Congregational Church of Boston, died at his home in Roxbury, Mass., on December 4, 1907, aged 78 years, 3 months and 11 days. He was the son of Joseph and Caroline Robbins Hale Plumb, and was born in Gowanda, Erie County, N. Y., August 23, 1829. He prepared for college in the Oberlin Preparatory School and at the University Grammar School, Providence. Entering Brown University, he graduated in 1855 with the degree of A. B. He then went to Andover Seminary, where he completed his course in 1858, and on November 10, 1858, was ordained pastor of the First Congregational Church of Chelsea, Mass., where he remained until 1872, when he accepted the call to The Walnut Avenue Congregational Church, Boston, which church he had continued to serve until its recent union with the Immanuel Church, a period of thirty-five years.

Dr. Plumb was a corporate member of the

American Board of Foreign Missions from 1881 until his death, and for twenty-one years was a member of its prudential committee, serving three years as chairman of the committee. He served as trustee of Wheaton Seminary, Norton, Mass., for over forty years, and for many years was its president. He was a life member of the Evangelistic Association of New England.

On October 27, 1858, he married Miss Harriet Eliza Dart of Buffalo, N. Y. They had three sons, Joseph Dart Plumb, Rev. Albert Hale Plumb, Jr., and Frederick Denison Plumb, deceased.

In 1872 Brown University conferred upon him the degree of D. D.

REV. CHARLES ABRAHAM GARDNER THURSTON  
A. M., 1866

Rev. Charles Abraham Gardner Thurston of the class of 1866 died in Boston, October 21, 1907, aged 66 years, 2 months and 28 days. He was the son of Abraham Gardner Thurston and Catharine Borden Allen, and was born in Fall River, Mass., July 23, 1841. He prepared for college in the Fall River high school, and in 1862 entered Brown University, graduating in 1866 with the degree of A. B., and receiving, three years later, the degree of A. M., in course. He then entered Andover Theological Seminary, and, upon the completion of his course in 1869, engaged for several years in home missionary service: in Bradford, N. H., 1869-70; in Danbury, Conn., 1870-72; in Greenwood and Wakefield, Mass., 1872-75; and in North Raynham, Mass., 1875-77. He was ordained to the ministry of the Congregational Church in 1877 and from 1877 to 1881 was pastor of the church at North Raynham; from 1881 to 1889 at Laconia, N. H. Since 1900 he had been superintendent of the ministerial department of the Evangelistic Association of New England.

On December 5, 1872, he married Miss Julia Anna Moore. They had three children, Frederick Harris Thurston, '01, Arthur Dyer Thurston, and Everett Sprague Thurston.

ALVAN ALDEN KEMPTON, A. B., 1896

Alvan Alden Kempton of the class of 1896 died at Saxton's River, Vermont, December 7, 1907, aged 35 years, 2 months, and 29 days. He was the son of Elisha M. Kempton and Louisa E. Alden, and was born in Newport, N. H., September 8, 1872. He prepared for college at Colby Academy and entered Brown, graduating with the degree of A. B., in 1896. He became a teacher, and served as an assistant in the high school at Weymouth, Mass., as principal of the high school at Kingston, Mass., from 1901 to 1903; as principal of the high school, Warren, R. I., from 1903 to 1904; and as principal of Brigham Academy, Bakersfield, Vt., from 1904 until last June, when he resigned to accept the position of assistant principal of Vermont Academy. Mr. Kempton was treasurer of the Vermont Teachers' Association and an officer of the American Institute of Instruction.

On June 30, 1897, he married Miss Mabel A. George, who with one daughter, Miriam Louise Kempton, survives him.



















